



Proposed Roseburg City Charter Amendments

Ballot Measure #10-205

Special Election: Tuesday, May 16

Charters grant legal authority to cities, specify how ordinances are adopted, list qualifications for officers and assign duties to city officials. If approved, this measure would adopt amendments to the current City Charter, which was enacted on Oct. 3, 1872, and last revised in 1982 – taking effect in 1983.

The Roseburg City Council appointed a City Charter Review Committee to review the current Charter for possible updates and amendments.

The Charter Review Committee used the League of Oregon Cities' model charter for reference and as a resource in considering amendments to Roseburg's current Charter. The amendments are based in part on the league's model charter, but keep those provisions that are unique and important to Roseburg. It retains the current form of government with the Mayor and eight Councilors to govern and a City Manager to run administrative affairs. The amendments update the Charter to be more straightforward and modernized to clearly define the legal authority of the City.

The Charter Review Committee recommended amendments for the new Charter and the City Council on Monday, Jan. 23, approved submitting the proposed amendments to city voters as a ballot measure in the Special District Election. The major changes are:

- *Adds language regarding the residency requirement for the City Manager, giving Council discretion to waive the City Manager residency requirement, on an individual basis, when they deem appropriate.*
- *Adds language to allow the City Manager to delegate some duties to other staff when appropriate to increase the City Manager's flexibility and efficiency.*
- *Adds a section to clarify the current practice that a new Mayor or City Councilor appointed to fill a vacancy would serve the remainder of the term of the person last elected to the seat and then have the opportunity to run for election when the original term expires. Currently, the City Charter states that someone appointed to fill a vacancy has to run in the next earliest election – rather than when the vacated term would normally end.*
- *Removes sections in the Charter that are not enforceable or legal, or are covered by state statute.*

The new Charter Revision contains other minor changes as well. To view a copy of the Charter with proposed revisions, [click here](#).

YES: A "Yes" vote on Ballot Measure #10-205 adopts the amendments to the current Roseburg City Charter and replaces the current Charter.

NO: A "No" vote on Ballot Measure #10-205 keeps the current Roseburg City Charter unchanged.

